Railway expansion programme in backward areas of Orissa

2971. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government have urged the Central Government to undertake railway expansion programmes in the backward areas of the State;

(b) if so, whether the Railways have taken any action to speedily undertake this programme; and

(c) the details of the steps taken so far and the results achieved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Details of new railway lines taken up for construction in Orissa are as under:—

(Figures in Rs. Crores)

S.No.	New Line	Estimated cost	Anticipated expenditure upto 3/88	Outlay proposed for 1988-89
1.	Koraput-Rayagada	322	99 76	58.74
2.	Talcher-Sambalpur	137	12.25	5·00

Conversion of Rupsa-Bangirposhi and Naupara-Gunpur rail lines into Broad Gauge

2972. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for the conversion of Rupsa-Bangirposhi and Naupara-Gunpur railway lines into Broad Gauge in Orissa is pending since long;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in implementing the proposal; and

(c) the steps taken for early completion of the projects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Surveys were conducted for conversion into Broad Gauge of Rupsa-Bangiriposi Narrow Gauge line in 1979 and Naupada-Gunupur Narrow Gauge line in 1946-47. The projects were found to be financially unremunerative. It is difficult to consider taking up of the projects due to constraint of resources and heavy commitments already in hand

Expenditure on health services

2973. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made regarding the Government expenditure on providing health services to the people including the expenditure incurred by the State Government and Union Territories Administration:

(b) the number of population served by one hospital, one Doctor, one trained nurse, State-wise and in the country as a whole: and

(c) the per capita expenditure on health service and on medicines supplied to hospitals and health Centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The information, as available with the Government, based on the figures for the year 1985, is indicated in the statement enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 106].

(c) The per capita expenditure on Health (Medical and Public Health) and Family Welfare, as available for the year 1983-84 in the country is as indicated below:

(i)	Health	Rs. 37.20
(ii)	Family Welfare	Rs. 5.41

Establishment of Science centres in the Country

2974. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal of Government to establish Science Centres in all the States in the country;

(b) if so, how many Science Centres have been established till-date, State-wise details; and

(c) whether any grants have been sanctioned so far for the purpose; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir. The Planning Commission Task Force recommended that the National Council of Science Museums, Calcutta, an autonomous organisation fully financed by the Government, should set up four national level Science Centres at Bangalore, Bombay, Calcutta and Delhi, six Science Centres in different State Capitals and twenty Science Centres in different District Headquarters.

(b) So far, the following thirteen Science Centres have been set up in various States in the Country:—

1. Birla Industrial & Technological Museum, Calcutta, West Bengal.
2. Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum, Bangalore, Karnataka.
3. Nehru Science Centre, Bombay, Maharashtra.
4. National Science Centre, Delhi.
5. Srikrishna Science Centre, Patna, Bihar.
6. Regional Science Centre, Guwahati, Assam.
7. Regional Science Centre, Bhubanesvar, Orissa.
8. Regional Science Centre, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
9. Raman Science Centre, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
10. District Science Centre, Purulia, West Bengal.
11. District Science Centre, Gulbarga, Karnataka.
12. District Science Centre, Dharampur, Gujarat.
13. District Science Centre, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu.

(c) The National Council of Science Museums being fully financed by the Government, the question of giving any separate grants for the purpose does not arise. During the 7th Five Year Plan Government has so far given grants to the Council amounting to Rs. 1675.24 lakhs (Rs. 464.34 lakhs under Non-Plan and Rs. 1210.90 lakhs under Plan).

Selection of candidates by Railway Recruitment Board, Muzaffarpur

2975. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways Recruitment Board, Muzaffarpur, had selected candidates for the post and categories of Guard, T.C., Commercial Clerk etc. under employment Notice No. 9 of 1978; and

(b) if so, the total number of the candidates appointed till-date?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 968.